

Delegated authority officer decision notice

Decision made by	Tim Oruye - Head of Policy and Programmes
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Decision	To approve the modifications to the West Hanney Neighbourhood Development Plan, detailed in Table 1, to correct spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors, together with improvements from a presentational perspective.
Key decision?	No
If key decision, has call-in been waived by the Scrutiny Committee chair(s)?	N/A
Confidential decision, and if so under which exempt category?	No
Delegated authority reference from the constitution	At its Council meeting on 6 October 2021, Vale of White Horse District Council resolved to delegate to the Head of Planning, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member and in agreement with the Qualifying Body, the correction of any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.
Risks	The council is required to publish the final made version of a neighbourhood plan as soon as reasonably practicable. The modifications in this decision is necessary in the preparation of the made version of the plan in order to correct any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors in previous iterations. The council's decision to make modifications to the plan could be challenged, however, the council has followed all appropriate processes and the nature and scale of the changes are very limited, making any challenge unlikely.
Reasons for decision	Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) ("the Regulations") allows the Council to modify a neighbourhood development plan to correct errors with the permission of the Qualifying Body. The Council brought the West Hanney Neighbourhood Plan into legal force on 6 October 2021; and delegated to the Head of Planning, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member and in agreement with the Qualifying Body, the correction of any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.

The Qualifying Body – West Hanney Parish Council - asked the Council to make the following modifications:


Please note that new text is shown in bold and deleted text as struck through.

Section	Proposed Change	Reason/Justification
Plan front cover	Replace 'Referendum Version' with 'Made Version'	Factual correction.
Plan front cover	Replace 'July 2021' with 'October 2021'	Factual correction.
Page 4, 2.3	In the first sentence, replace 'until this submission stage' with 'until the submission stage'	Factual correction.
Page 5, 2.6	Replace the first sentence of the first paragraph with: 'This document is the made version of the WHNDP' Replace the third sentence of the third paragraph with: 'As the plan was supported by a majority vote at the referendum, the plan has been 'made' by the District Council' In the final sentence of the third paragraph, delete 'will'	Factual corrections.
Pages 10-11	Reformat bullet point list to bring in line with the formatting of the rest of the document	Typographical correction.

Page 15	In the third paragraph, insert 'SPD' following 'Supplementary Planning Document'	Typographical correction.
Page 16-17, Table 1	Reformat table to bring in line with the formatting of the rest of the document	Typographical correction.
Page 19	In the first paragraph, replace 'NPPF Para 127' with 'NPPF Para 130' In the first paragraph, replace 'NPPF Para 170 with 'NPPF Para 174' In the third paragraph, replace 'see green parcel marked '15' in Map 2' with 'see planning application P15/V2887/FUL'	Factual corrections.
Page 16 Map	Map amended to clarify boundaries.	Factual correction and presentational improvement.
Page 23, Table 2	In the table, replace 'NPCS' with 'NPCQ'	Typographical correction.
Appendix A, page 11 Map in Character Assessment	Map amended to clarify boundaries.	Factual correction and presentational improvement.

The Council considers the modifications proposed by West Hanney Parish Council necessary for the purposes of correcting spelling, grammatical and typographical or factual errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective. These modifications have been incorporated into the made version of the West Hanney Neighbourhood Development Plan.

In accordance with Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General Regulations) 2012, a copy of this Decision Notice will be available to view on the council's [website](#) and at the location set out at Appendix 1.

	The made version of the West Hanney Neighbourhood Development Plan is available at Appendix 2.			
Alternative options rejected	N/A			
Implications (Climate & Ecological, Legal, Financial, Procurement, Other).	The West Hanney Neighbourhood Development Plan was adopted by Vale of White Horse District Council on 6 October 2021: there are no further implications to highlight.			
Background papers considered	N/A			
Declarations/ conflict of interest?	No			
Consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	Relevant Cabinet member	Cllr Andy Foulsham	Happy to approve	21/07/25
Decision maker's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature:  Date: 29/07/2025			

Appendices

Appendix 1

This Decision Notice constitutes 'the Modification Document' required under Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The modified West Hanney Neighbourhood Development Plan can be inspected on the council's website: <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/west-hanney-parish-council/>

As well as at:

Reception, Vale of White Horse, Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon OX14 3JE	If you would like to view these documents at the Council offices, please contact us on 01235 422600 or email planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk to book an appointment.
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In accordance with Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2021, a copy of this Decision Notice ('the Modification Document') has been sent to:

- The qualifying body, namely West Hanney Parish Council
- Any person who asked to be notified of the decision

Appendix 2

The West Hanney Neighbourhood Development Plan – adopted 6 October 2021.